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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP

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ENDORSEMENT OF H.R. 6448

Memorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence

1. The Congressional Bill, H.R. 6448, introduced in the House of Representatives by Hon. Wilbur D. Mills of Arkansas, provides for the establishment of a National Science Foundation to promote the progress of science and the useful arts, to secure the national defense, and to advance the national health, prosperity, and welfare. The Bill is expected to reach the House floor for consideration in the near future.
2. It is anticipated that the Foundation as proposed in H.R. 6448 will be of value to the N.I.A. in the performance of its mission. It is recommended that the N.I.A. be placed on record as favoring the Bill by a letter of endorsement to Hon. W. D. Mills.
3. The enclosed draft memorandum (Enclosure "A") recommends to the N.I.A. endorsement of H.R. 6448. Appendix "A" is a draft of a letter of endorsement which, upon approval by N.I.A., will be dispatched to Mr. Mills. Appendix "B" outlines the main elements of the Bill.
4. If all members of the Intelligence Advisory Board concur in the drafts without substantial change, a meeting will not be necessary. It is recommended that the draft memorandum and appendices be approved.

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